

Memorandum

To: Addressees

From: David Mobley, Acting Director
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US EPA

Date: June 15, 2000

Subject: 1999 PM_{2.5} Data Certifications

I want to call to your attention the need for each State and local air monitoring agency to provide their ambient air quality data and the associated certifications for the 1999 calendar year.

By July 1 of each year, each data reporting agency is required to provide an annual State and Local Air Monitoring Stations (SLAMS) summary report and certification to the EPA (ref. 40 CFR 58.26). This certification process tells the EPA that the previous year's data have been completely entered into the Aerometric Information Retrieval System (AIRS) and that the summary report is accurate to the best of the agencies' knowledge. For this year's report, agencies should include all the criteria pollutants, including PM_{2.5}. This certification includes both the concentration data and the accompanying precision and accuracy data. At this time, nine States have submitted either full or partial certifications.

We are in the middle of preparing supporting analyses for the criteria document and the staff paper drafts used in the ongoing particulate matter National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) review process. Our analyses are scheduled to be completed this summer, so these data are needed as soon as possible. It is important that we have an understanding of what PM_{2.5} data will be available, and we intend to use the SLAMS certification process as a method for identifying whether the PM_{2.5} data for an area have been finalized.

Please be aware that we will extract all PAMS and SLAMS criteria pollutant and ozone precursor data for completeness determinations and other analyses during the first week of July. Therefore, we ask that you work with your State and local air monitoring agencies to obtain their certifications by July 1. We especially appreciate and thank you for the considerable efforts to obtain PM_{2.5} data and to enter it into the AIRS database. If we can help with these certifications, please contact Ed Hanks at 919-541-5475.

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